



Veterans' Affairs Committee

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room – 1st Floor
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes

Approved: March 14, 2018

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Bruce Hamilton at 6:00 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Gary Ochoa
Carol Rundell

David Thomas
Lester Craig
Henry Johnson
William Wojciechowski

John L. Grand
Luke Johnson
Murray Baker
Joel Stoltz
Bruce Hamilton, Chairman
Martin Belden

Representing:

Arizona Department of Veterans Services
Disabled American Veterans Auxillary
Chapter 2
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 18
Korean War and Korea Service Veterans
Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk
Military Officers Association of America,
Tucson Chapter
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

Absent:

William Burks
C.W. Hall
Phyllis Russell
Ed Torres
Melvin Morgan

Disabled American Veterans Chapter #26
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4
Esperanza En Escalante
Missing in America Project
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

Staff Member Present:

Delma Sanchez

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Committee Member M. Baker

4. Introduction of Guests

Tina Hamilton, Chair Hamilton's spouse, Bettie Baker, Committee Member M. Baker's spouse and Terry Byron, former VAC Member.

5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from December 13, 2017

It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Committee Members W. Burks, C.W. Hall, Phyllis Russell, Ed Torres and M. Morgan absent), to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the December 13, 2017 meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report

Report was given by Committee Member M. Belden, and the financial report was distributed. It was moved by Committee Member H. Johnson, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Committee Members W. Burks, C.W. Hall, Phyllis Russell, Ed Torres and M. Morgan absent), to accept the Financial Report.

7. Consideration/Approval of Members

There were no members for consideration.

8. Committee Reports

a. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

Report was given by Committee Member L. Johnson. A handout was distributed on seasonal flue. No formal action was taken.

b. Tucson Veterans Cemetery

An update was provided by Committee Member G. Ochoa. No formal action was taken.

c. Arizona Department of Veterans' Service

Report was given by Committee Member G. Ochoa. Handouts were distributed. No formal action was taken.

9. Four Chaplains Ceremony Update

Former Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update. A handout was distributed. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

10. Operation Exodus Update

Former Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update. No formal action was taken.

11. Military Liaison Office Update

Former Committee Member T. Byron stated she has tried to reach the representative for the Military Liaison Office. Chair Hamilton stated he would reach out to them for updates. No formal action was taken.

12. Discussion regarding VAC collectively addressing issues facing the local veteran's population

Chair Hamilton opened up the floor for discussion on what issues and organizations were out there to help the local Veteran's needs and services, and what assistance could the Veterans' Affairs Committee bring. A discussion also took place on whether to have this item placed as a regular monthly agenda item. It was moved by Committee Member L. Craig, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Committee Members W. Burks, C.W. Hall, P. Russell, E. Torres and M. Morgan absent), to bring the item back for discussion in February.

13. Discussion regarding Mayor Rothschild's attendance at future meetings

Committee Member C. Rundell stated Mayor Rothschild would be attending the April and October 2018 Veterans' Affairs Committee meetings. No formal action was taken.

14. Discussion regarding Hats Off to Heroes

Committee Member L. Johnson gave a brief update. No formal action was taken.

15. Report on Current Events: For the Good of the Order

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members L. Johnson, H. Johnson, C. Rundell and Chair Hamilton. Handouts were distributed. No formal action was taken.

16. Future Agenda Items:

- VAC Mission Statement
- Addressing issues facing the local veterans' population
- Operation Exodus

17. Salute to Colors

18. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.